

PROFESSOR LYRICAL

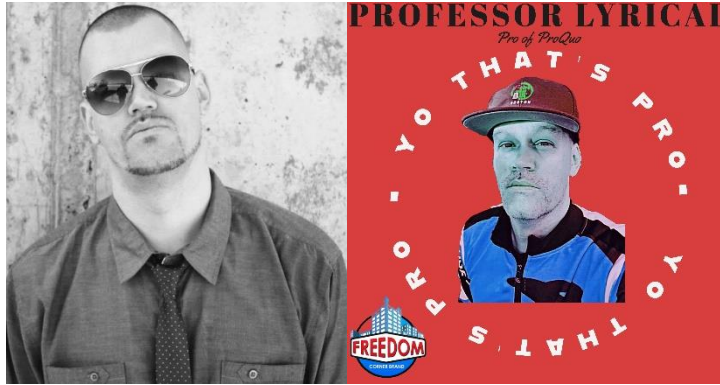


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(Dr. Peter Michael Plourde)

Professor Lyrical is an artist and educator known for using the positive aspects of Hip Hop culture to empower citizens to self-advocate for socioeconomic change. Equally compelling is his "side-hustle" as an Associate Professor of Mathematics at the University of the District of Columbia, a public land grant (HBCU) in Washington DC, where he also directs faculty development for its associate programs within its embedded community college.

A regularly contracted public speaker, performer and faculty developer, Dr. Plourde is also a QuSTEAM *Subject Matter Expert*. The QuSTEAM initiative (Convergent undergraduate education in Quantum Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics) is developing a transformative and convergent undergraduate curriculum to provide a national education model for the emerging field of quantum information science and engineering and is funded by the National Science Foundation (NSF) Convergence Accelerator. Similarly, Dr. Plourde is also part of a grant funded UDC team working to develop the first Associates of Science degree in Quantum Information Science (QIS).

As a master-craftsman lyricist and award-winning rapper and spoken word poet, Pro has consistently published records in heavy rotation among college/mix-show stations for three different groups (X-Caliber, Invasion, and most recently with ProQuo) and has had music placed in various movies and numerous advertisement campaigns. Lyrical has competed in some of the most prestigious rap battles in history (Battle for World Supremacy, Zulu Nation NYC, Pitch & Flow DC, Boston Super Bowl Battles, etc.), including winning the Pitch & Flow Battle at the Kennedy Center in Washington, DC (a battle which paired “dope, socially-conscious emcees with green entrepreneurs and corporations in accordance with UN sustainability goals”). After the Pitch & Flow Battle, Pro was recruited to speak and perform in two DMV area TEDx events and soon after caught the ear of Mazi Mutafa, Executive Director of Words, Beats & Life (WB&L), where he now serves as a Hip Hop Lyricism instructor and contributor to various events in conjunction with WB&L and its partnership with the Kennedy Center.

Professor Lyrical was born in Lowell, Massachusetts and first taught high school mathematics for Lowell High School. He earned a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration (Marketing/Econ) as well as a Master of Science in Mathematics at the University of Massachusetts-Lowell and a Doctorate at Northeastern University in Boston, Massachusetts where he also taught mathematics for over seven years as an assistant teaching professor. Pro has taught over 150 course sections (over 100 in mathematics, and several others in music and music business) at 13 different college and universities and has spoken and performed at over 100 different colleges and university events. Pro and ProQuo are currently distributed by Sony Orchard via Family & Friends Entertainment which distributes its Freedom Corner Brand parent label, which in turn directly distributes Pro’s own Dotted “i” Music & Entertainment imprint. His next solo release, “Yo That’s Pro” will be released everywhere on March 18th, 2022.

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